



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2022 to 03/31/2022

Payette National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us
	Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions .				

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Stibnite Gold Project EIS EIS	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 06/05/2017 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2022	Expected:06/2023	06/2023	Sitka Pence 202-322-9870 sitka.pence@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest is processing a plan of operations for open pit mining, processing, new road construction, utility upgrades, reclamation, and restoration at the Stibnite mine site.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50516				
	Location: UNIT - Cascade Ranger District, Krassel Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Valley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Stibnite mining district is located in Valley County Idaho, east of the community of Yellow Pine near the East Fork South Fork Salmon River.				

Payette National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

R4 - Intermountain Region

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Payette National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)				R4 - Intermountain Region	
Granite Meadows EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Rita Bennett 208-347-0325 rita.l.bennett@usda.gov
	Description: This is the fifth project within the forest's Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program. The project includes vegetation, watershed, transportation, and recreation management activities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54029				
	Location: UNIT - McCall Ranger District, New Meadows Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams, Idaho, Valley. LEGAL - T.18 N., R.2 E., S 2, 3; T.19 N., R.2 E., S 1-5, 9-16,21-28,34-36; T.19 N., R.3E. S 2-10, 15-22, 28-30; T.20 N., R.1 E., S 3-9, 13, 17-20, 24, 29-31; T.20 N., R.1 W., S 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, 36; T.20 N.,. The Granite Meadows Project is located north of New Meadows, Idaho, and north and west of McCall, Idaho.				

Payette National Forest Council Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R4 - Intermountain Region	
Calf Pen Progeny Plantation Thinning CE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Research and Development 	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/23/2020	Expected:04/2022	06/2022	Ronda Bishop 208-382-7460 rmbishop@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Project proposes to thin a 14 acre ponderosa pine progeny plantation with removal of the cut material. Removal of thinned trees and slash is necessary to reduce the loss of leave trees to the pine engraver beetle.				
	Location: UNIT - Council Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - Township 19 North, Range 3 West, NE 1/4 of Section 9; Boise Meridian, Adams County Idaho. The Project is located on the Council Ranger District of the Payette National Forest in Adams County, Idaho. Access is on Road 50073 approx. 1.75 miles west of its intersection with 50002.				

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Cambridge Telephone Company New Line Installation CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/28/2020	01/2021	Rebecca Havens 907-789-6281 rahavens@fs.fed.us
	Description: Cambridge Telephone Company has submitted a proposal for the installation of approximately 0.2 mile of new fiber optic line along FS road 890 to provide communication services to a private property owner.				
	Location: UNIT - Council Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - T19N R3W section 34; Boise Meridian, Adams County, Idaho. . Installation will be along FS road 50890 at T19N R3W section 34, on the Council Ranger District of the Payette National Forest.				
Council Mountain and Indian Mountain C & H Allotments Range Improvements CE *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/22/2021	Expected:04/2022	06/2022	Robert Bumgarner 208-549-4262 rbumgarner@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action for this project is the maintenance or re-construction of eleven existing spring developments and seven existing ponds within the Council Mountain and Indian Mountain Cattle & Horse Allotments on the Council Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59820				
Hearold Private Road Access CE *UPDATED*	Location: UNIT - Council Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - SENW sec. 28 T17N R1E is near center of the Council Mountain Allotment and SWSW sec. 23 T15N R1E is near the center of the Indian Mountain Allotment. All range improvements are located within the Council Mountain and Indian Mountain Cattle and Horse Allotments.				
	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/22/2021	Expected:04/2022	04/2022	Denise Cobb 208-634-0446 dfcobb@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Hearolds have requested access to their private property via FS Roads #51744/#502228020 (Option 1) or #50222 (Option 2). Option 1, which they prefer, would require access through private property which they have already been granted easement.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59821				
	Location: UNIT - Council Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - T. 14N, R. 1E, section 25. Located in the Little Weiser Drainage on the Council Ranger District.				

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Payette National Forest		Krassel Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region
East Fork South Fork Restoration and Access Management Plan EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/21/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 03/2022	Expected:10/2022	11/2022	Joshua Simpson 208-634-0616 joshua.simpson@usda.gov
	Description: This project will define the minimum necessary road system and provide motorized trail opportunities, dispersed camping, and parking opportunities; and update the Forest Motor Vehicle Use Map.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60889				
	Location: UNIT - Krassel Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho, Valley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. East Fork South Fork Salmon River watershed and the Thunder Mountain area in the headwaters of Middle Fork Salmon River east of Monumental Summit.				
Nez Perce Tribe Research Equipment CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/23/2021	Expected:05/2022	06/2022	Denise Cobb 208-634-0446 denise.cobb@usda.gov
	Description: Permit replacement of an existing propane tank servicing a fish detection system (PIT array) with a 1,000-gallon tank in an existing hardened area to ensure fuel supply through winter months.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60816				
	Location: UNIT - Krassel Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Valley. LEGAL - T19N, R6E, Section 16. Approximately 1.5 miles north of Krassel Work Center.				

Payette National Forest		McCall Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region
Bear Basin Area Trails CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/23/2021	Expected:04/2022	06/2022	Michael Beach 970-827-5162 michael.beach@usda.gov
	Description: Designate approximately 5.6 miles of currently unauthorized routes in the Bear Basin area as non-motorized NFS trails and rehabilitate between 3 and 8 miles of unauthorized routes to improve the recreation experience and watershed conditions.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60812				
	Location: UNIT - McCall Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams, Valley. LEGAL - T19N, R2E, Sections 25 & 36 and T19N, R3E, Sections 30 & 31. Bear Basin area trail system approximately 4 miles northwest of McCall, Idaho.				

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Little Ski Hill Lighting Improvements CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/23/2021	Expected:04/2022	07/2022	Michael Beach 970-827-5162 michael.beach@usda.gov
	Description: Respond to Payette Lakes Ski Club application to permit additional on-mountain lighting on the Race Run, Outback, and base areas to improve night-skiing opportunities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60814				
	Location: UNIT - McCall Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams, Valley. LEGAL - T18N, R2E, section 1. Payette Lakes Ski Club Little Ski Hill.				
Lucky Ben Road Access CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/22/2021	Expected:07/2022	08/2022	Denise Cobb 208-634-0446 denise.cobb@usda.gov
	Description: Permit construction of a previously authorized 550-ft road and continued use and maintenance of an existing route up Arlise Gulch and authorize reasonable access to a private property.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60815				
	Location: UNIT - McCall Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - T22N, R6E, Sections 9 & 16. Approximately 2 miles southwest of Warren, Idaho.				
Payette Lake Trail - East Side CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/23/2021	Expected:04/2022	06/2023	Denise Cobb 208-634-0446 denise.cobb@usda.gov
	Description: Construct approximately 0.7 miles of single-track, non-motorized trail across NFS lands, connecting the Fall Cr Loop trail (#107) to a trail on Idaho endowment lands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60817				
	Location: UNIT - McCall Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Valley. LEGAL - T19N, R3E, sections 24. Approximately 1 mile northeast of Tamarack Bay.				

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South Fork - Main Salmon Private Land Access CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/06/2019	Expected:05/2022	06/2022	Jennifer Blake 2086340401 jennifer.b.blake@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest proposes to issue special use permits or long term easements for motorized access to private property owners near the confluence of the Main Salmon-South Fork Salmon Rivers with reciprocal easements to the USFS for public access. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55787				
	Location: UNIT - McCall Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Idaho. LEGAL - Township 23N, Range 8E, sections 5, 6, 7; Township 24N, Range 8E, sections 29, 32; Idaho County, Idaho . Trail 120/122 from the Mackay Bar Bridge on the Main Salmon River to the private land on the South Fork Salmon River including the South Fork Salmon River Bridge. Public access for Trail 108/126.				
St. Helens Mine Plan of Operations EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/03/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2022	Expected:07/2022	08/2022	Clinton Hughes 208-983-5146 clinton.hughes@usda.gov
	Description: Respond to a plan to mine 35,000 CY of volcanic clays over the course of 10 years from 5 acres of unpatented mining claims on NFS lands and determine need for any reasonable changes or additions to meet requirements of 36 CFR 228A, prior to approval. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58905				
	Location: UNIT - McCall Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - T19N, R2E, sections 23, 24, 25 & 26, Boise Meridian. 5.8 miles northwest of McCall, ID.				

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Aquatic Organism Passage Management Project CE *UPDATED*	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/29/2021	Expected:06/2022	07/2022	Rita Bennett 208-271-6296 rita.l.bennett@usda.gov
	Description: The New Meadows District on the Payette National Forest proposes to replace 18 road-stream crossings that have been identified in the Lost Creek and Upper West Fork Weiser River subwatersheds. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60552				
	Location: UNIT - New Meadows Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - T20N, R2W, S24, 36 T20N, R1W, S7, 18, 20 T19N, R1W, S8 T18N, R1W, S3, 10 T19N, R1W, S7, 18, 19, 30. The proposed action would take place near Lost Valley reservoir area on the West Fork of the Weiser River, Lost Creek, and Corral Creek.				
Brush Mountain Ecosystem Maintenance Burn CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/02/2021	Expected:04/2022	05/2022	Philip Roth 208-271-2761 philip.roth@usda.gov
	Description: Project is proposed to enhance wildlife habitat and forest stand structure and resiliency in portions of the Lower Little Salmon River, Middle Little Salmon River, Upper Little Salmon River, and Beaver Creek-Weiser River watersheds. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59769				
	Location: UNIT - New Meadows Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - T21NR1E Sec 2,3,9,10,11,14,15,16,17,19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35; T20NR1E Sec 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,7, 8, 9, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, and 32; T20NR1W Sec 1, 24, 25. Four miles west of New Meadows, Idaho, within Adams County.				

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Cold July Forest Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 12/02/2021	Expected:05/2022	06/2022	Rita Bennett 2082716296 rita.l.bennett@usda.gov
	Description: Improve health of forest stands to increase insect & disease resiliency; reduce tree densities & fuel loadings to result in less intense fire behavior & facilitate effective wildland fire response; enhance NIDGS & white-headed woodpecker habitat.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60060				
	Location: UNIT - New Meadows Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - T.18.N. R.1.W., sections 2-11, 14-23, and 27-29; T.18.N. R.2.W., sections 1-3 and 11-13; T.19.N. R.1.W., sections 7, 8, 16-22, and 27-34; T.19.N. R.2.W., sections 1-3, 10-16, 22-27, and 34-36. The project area is on the New Meadows Ranger District of the Payette National Forest, approximately five miles west of the town of New Meadows, Idaho.				
Lost Ant Recreation Management Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/29/2021	Expected:06/2022	07/2022	Rita Bennett 208-271-6296 rita.l.bennett@usda.gov
	Description: We propose this project to enhance recreation opportunities in the Boulder Creek watershed and in the vicinity of Lost Valley Reservoir with an emphasis on improving current trails and trailhead parking and developing new trail opportunities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60549				
	Location: UNIT - New Meadows Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - T21N, R1W, S2, 12,21, 28, T19N. R1W, S8, 9, 16, 17, 20-22, 26-29, T18N, R1W, S3, 4, 9, 10 T19N, R1W, S27, 28, 33, 34, T19N, R2W, S13, 14, 23, 24. This project's proposed action takes place around Lost Valley Reservoir and near the Ant Basin trailhead.				
New Meadows Landing Pile Disposal Project CE	- Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 07/28/2021	08/2021	Nicole Cloud 8606056469 nicole.cloud@usda.gov
	Description: The purpose of the project is to dispose of slash landings created from the Moon River, Cold Bear, Restoration, and 4th Rock timber sales. These piles left on the landscape pose an increased fire and insect outbreak risk.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60378				
	Location: UNIT - New Meadows Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - T19 N, R1W, S27, S28, S33, and S34; T18 N, R1W, S3, S4, and S10; T20 N, R1W, S16, S22-S26, and S35; T18 N, R2W, S1, S2, S11, S12, S25, S26, S35, and S36; T18 N, R1W, S6, S7, S31, S30. Southwest of New Meadows Idaho.				

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New Meadows Reforestation Project CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 07/28/2021	08/2021	Nicole Cloud 8606056469 nicole.cloud@usda.gov
	Description: This project aims to establish native tree species in regeneration units in what was formerly the Lost Creek-Boulder Creek project area in the 4th Rock, Cold Bear, and Restoration timber sales.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60374				
	Location: UNIT - New Meadows Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - T18N R1W, Sections 4 and 10; T19N R1W, Section 30; T19N R2W, Sections 25 and 36; T20N R1W, Sections 24 and 25. Southwest of New Meadows Idaho.				
Railroad Saddle Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2022	Expected:03/2023	04/2023	Rita Bennett 2082716296 rita.l.bennett@usda.gov
	Description: Project aims to move vegetation and soil/water/riparian/aquatic resources towards desired conditions in the forest plan, as well as provide forest timber products.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61229				
	Location: UNIT - New Meadows Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - T.19.N., R.1.W., s. 2-9,16-18; T.19.N., R.2.W., s. 1-3, 12,13; T.20.N., R.1.W., s. 1-3, 6-8, 10-35; T.20.N., R.2.W., s. 12,13,24-26,34-36; T.21.N., R.1.W., s. 35,36. Northwest of the town of New Meadows, Idaho.				
Rapid River Travel Management EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special area management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/05/2021	Expected:05/2022	06/2022	Rita Bennett 2082716296 rita.l.bennett@usda.gov
	Description: We propose this project to review the designated use of sections of National Forest System trails 177, 183, 184, 187, 188, and 362 within and immediately adjacent to the Rapid River Wild River corridor and to update the forest's MVUM accordingly.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=36507				
	Location: UNIT - New Meadows Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - Township 21 North, Range 1 West, sections 3-10; Township 21 North, Range 2 West, sections 1, 2, 12, 13, 24, 25, and 36; Township 22 North, Range 1 West, sections 2, 10, 11, 14-16, 21, 22, 27, 28, and 31-34; Township 22 North, Range 2 West, sections 35-36. Within and adjacent to the Rapid River corridor on the New Meadows Ranger District, within Adams County, and approx. 15 miles NW of New Meadows, ID.				

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Woodhead South CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 11/30/2021	12/2021	Ronda Bishop 208-253-0100 rmbishop@usda.gov
Description: A previously identified forest resilience project was entirely within the Woodhead Fire perimeter which burned in 2020. Salvage of fire damaged trees is being proposed combined with the original proposed project to treat insects and disease.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60648					
Location: UNIT - Weiser Ranger District. STATE - Idaho. COUNTY - Washington. LEGAL - T16N, R4W, Secs 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, and 16. Boise meridian. Within the East Fork Brownlee Creek and Upper Pine Creek watersheds on the Weiser Ranger District of the Payette National Forest.					

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